

California Student Aid Commission

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Cal Grant Program

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Competitive Program

- **96.6%** paid rate for 2015-16 Competitive Cal Grant awards
- **New scoring matrix** implemented for the 2016-17 academic year
 - More awards to students with incomes below the federal poverty guidelines
 - Larger share of first-generation college students
 - Average age of recipients increased from 30 to 32
 - Average GPA decreased from 3.36 to 3.08



Entitlement Program

- Over 304,000 FAFSA filers and 4,500 Dreamer filers since **October 1**
- Over 40,000 HS senior GPAs matched to FAFSA/CADAA
- Preliminary 2017-18 Cal Grant HS Entitlement award consideration scheduled for **November 9**.



California Dream Act

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2017-18 Resource Updates



**Students and Parents**

- 2017-18 Application Instructions
- 2017-18 Application Worksheet
- 2017-18 English Paper Application
- 2017-18 Spanish Paper Application
- 2017-18 — FAQ's
- AB 540 Affidavit

**High School Counselors**

**College Financial Aid Admin**

- 2016-17 English Paper Application
- 2016-17 Spanish Paper Application
- Name/Date of Birth Change Request
- Selective Service Form
- Parental Signature Form
- Financial Aid Programs

**Useful Links**

**Legislation**

WHAT IS AB 540?

WHAT IS DACA?

FINANCIAL AID FOR DREAMERS

MORE ABOUT CAL GRANT

California Dream Act Online Application



Start a new Application or login to your existing application [SELECT HERE!](#)

**Key Dates**

October

- Cal Grant GPA submission begins
- Talk to your high school about submitting your GPA before March 2
- Online CA Dream Act Application opens
- Make sure you submit the CA Dream Act Application before March 2
- Get help at a Cash for College workshop in your area

March 2

- March 2, is the priority financial aid filing deadline for most colleges and universities and the absolute deadline for submission of your Cal Grant application (CA Dream Act Application + GPA)
- If you or your school submits your certified GPA using your DACA SSN, make sure you include that DACA SSN on question #8 of your CA Dream Act Application
- Better yet, submit a Non-SSN GPA to the CA Student Aid Commission



2017-18 Resource Updates

Additional materials available on:
www.csac.ca.gov

The screenshot displays the CSAC website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Web Grants, Cal Grants, Cash for College, Cal Dream Act, and FAFSA. Below this is a search bar and a language selector for 'This Site' and 'California'. The main navigation menu includes links for HOME, STUDENTS & PARENTS, HIGH SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, OUTREACH & PROGRAMS, REPORTS & PUBLICATIONS, NEWS ROOM, and ABOUT CSAC. The 'IT Technical Documents' section is highlighted, featuring a description of the ITSD's role and a list of documents organized by Program/Project. The first document listed is 'Dream Act Application 2017-2018', which includes links to the Cal ISIR file layout, comment and reject code document, and Cal ISIR Cross Reference. A second document, 'Dream Act Application 2016-2017', is partially visible at the bottom.

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IT Technical Documents

The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) posts technical and IT related documents to assist external stakeholders in modifying and maintaining IT systems used in conjunction with CSAC programs.

You will find these documents below, organized by Program/Project.

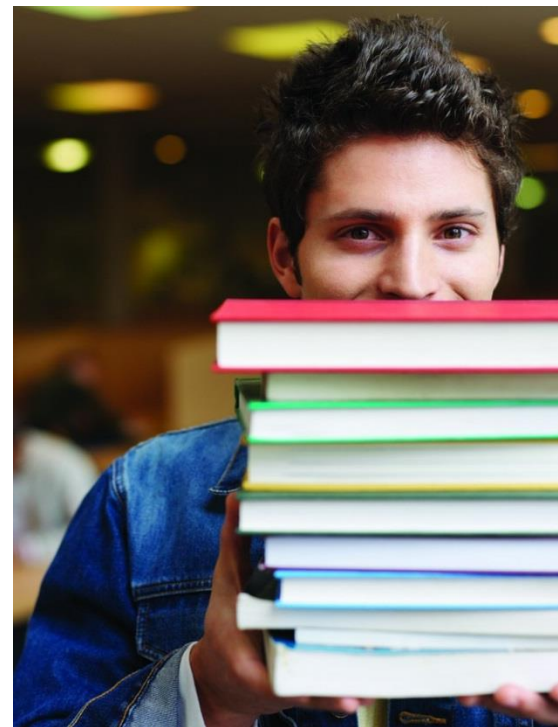
- ▼ Dream Act Application 2017-2018
 - 2017-2018 Dream Act Application Cal ISIR file layout
 - 2017-2018 Dream Act Application Comment and Reject Code Document
 - 2017-2018 Cal ISIR Cross Reference
- ▼ Dream Act Application 2016-2017

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The Challenges of a Dreamer

- Don't know what application to complete
- Filled out wrong application
- Afraid to register for Selective Service
- Could be eligible for Dream Act one year, FAFSA the next





Additional Challenges



- Lack of understanding of the financial aid process & eligibility criteria
- What to provide to confirm AB 540 eligibility
- Receiving timely disbursements of their financial aid
- Different Dream Act criteria & processing across campuses



Start with the Dream App

CA DREAM ACT
Apply by March 2

[Check out our California Dream Act information & resources.](#)

Announcements:

- To apply for a Cal Grant submit a California Dream Act Application by **March 2**.
- Due to scheduled site maintenance, the on-line California Dream Act Application will be unavailable every Wednesday and Sunday from 11:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. (PST). We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

✓ New to The California Dream Act?
Select this option if you:

- * Have never filed a CA Dream Act Application
- * Want to start a new CA Dream Act Application
- * Are ready to get started

Start A New Application

✓ Provide a Parent Signature
Select this option if you:

- * Need to request Parent PIN
- * Forgot your Parent PIN
- * Need to sign your Student's application

Sign Student Application

✓ Returning User?
Select this option if you want to:

- * Continue or renew your CA Dream Act Application
- * Update or correct current CA Dream Act Application
- * View your Student Aid Report (SAR) and

Login

The California Student Aid Commission has strict security and confidentiality policies and procedures in place to **protect the integrity and confidentiality of student records**. The California Student Aid Commission has not now, or in the past, shared any information which would indicate a student's immigration status, either documented or undocumented. The California Student Aid Commission also adheres to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99), a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records.

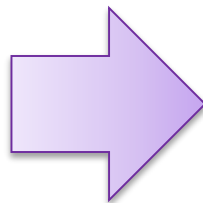
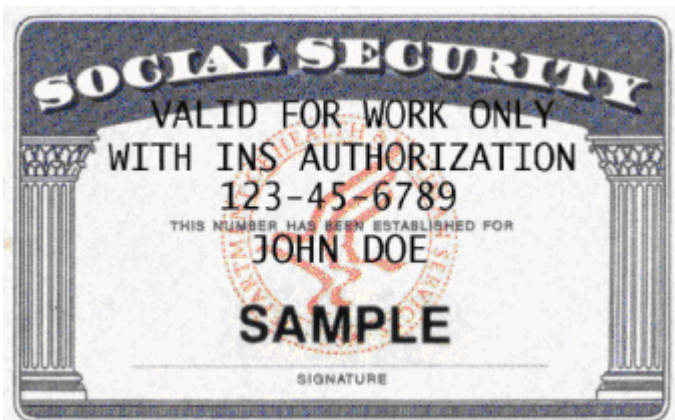
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DACA Social Security Card



- ✓ Can be used to work in the U.S.
- ✓ Can be used (but is not required) on Dream Act Application
- ✓ **Not** to be used to upload a GPA
- ✓ **Not** to be used to complete a FAFSA in California

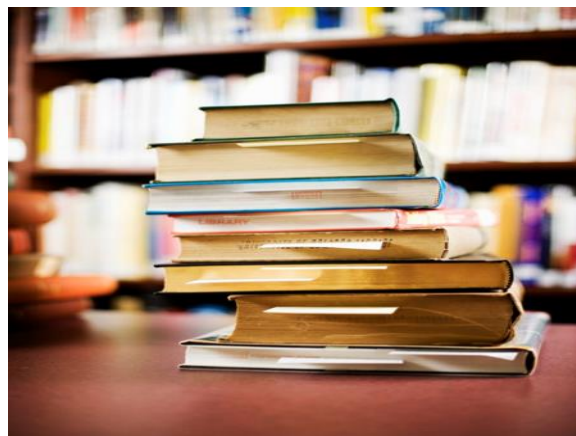




What do you do if you find out a student filled out a FAFSA with a DACA SSN?

OR

Last year awarded via Dream Application and this year is FAFSA eligible?





Email or Fax G-55 to Institutional Support
schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov
(916) 464-6499





Additional Requirements

Selective Service

- Male between ages of 18-25 must register for Selective Service
- Do **not** need an SSN to register
- Register using the FAFSA/CA Dream Act Application
- Students will receive a Confirmation by mail from the Selective Service



Registering for Selective Service is a *requirement* to receive financial aid.

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Cash for College

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Cash for College Update

Our Partners in the Cash for College program have responded well to the early FAFSA. Workshops continue to be added. Here are the latest updates:

- Over **750** approved workshops through March 2, 2016 serving an estimated 70,000 students and their families.
- **584** Workshops to be completed before January 1, 2017
 - October – 331
 - November – 200
 - December – 53

Cash for College Update

Cash for College Workshops run from October 1, 2016 through the March 2, 2017 Cal Grant deadline.

To host a Cash for College Workshop, visit:

www.Cash4College.org



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Cash4College.org website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Resources, Partners, CSAC, Organization, Student, Login, and Privacy Policy. Below the navigation bar is a banner image featuring a group of diverse young adults. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled "2016-17 Workshop Information" and contains text about the workshop's purpose and mission. Below this text is a search form with fields for "Current location", "Zip code", "School Name or Key word", and "County". There are also dropdown menus for "Miles from current location", "Select Workshop Language", and "Wheelchair access available". A "Search" button is located at the bottom of the search form. The right column is titled "Elected Officials Only" and features a photo of the California State Capitol building. Below the photo, there is a text box for "Enter Elected Official E-mail" and a "Get Workshop Information" button. At the bottom of the right column, there is a section titled "Upcoming Workshops" with a link to "1736 FAMILY CRISIS CENTER" and a date "Date: 02-25-2017 9:00 AM".

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Chafee Grant for Foster Youth

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Chafee Overview

- Assists foster youth by providing up to \$5,000 per year to help pay for college or career/technical training
- Federal and State funded grant subject to annual availability of funds



Chafee Workgroup

- Comprised of internal and external members
- Identify issues and ways to enhance the process
- Streamline awarding process
- Automate manual processing
- Maximize limited amount of funding





Chafee Enhancements

- Eliminate Need Analysis Report (NAR) form
- Create new roster and payment screen on WebGrants
- Simplify WebGrants 4 Students (WGS)
- 2017-18 Chafee application and process preparedness for Prior Prior Year (PPY) which opened on October 1



Benefits of Chafee Enhancements

- Allows awards to be offered much earlier
- WG Payment Roster provides a clear and concise view of all Chafee students
- Fewer required fields to update when submitting new financial information
- Fewer returned/reissued warrants, since institutions are now required to verify eligibility and request payments per term



Chafee Award Cycle 2016-2017

July 18, 2016 – 2,269 Awards Preliminarily Offered

Priority Selection criteria

Student's completed applications are sorted by application date, and awards are offered based on the following priority selection criteria:

1. **Paid renewal students who have not reached their 23rd birthday as of July 1st of the award year.
2. New and ***non-paid renewal students who will be 22 years old as of July 1st of the award year.
3. New and non-paid renewal students who have dependents.
4. New and non-paid renewal students who have an unmet need of \$5,000 or more.
5. New and non-paid renewal students who have an unmet need of less than \$5,000.

** Students who have received a Chafee payment.

*** Students who have not received a Chafee payment.

Upon selection for an award, students are sent payment notifications for each term.

The majority of Chafee Grant awards are initiated during the fall term and additional awards are offered year round based on available federal and state funding each year.

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Cal Grant Program Handbook Cal Grant Program Handbook	Senate Bill 70 Information Student and institution eligibility changes	Compliance Review Learn about the process	Access Forms Access and security
Forms Access and transaction forms	Training Webinars and power point	IFAP Federal website for professionals	Cal Grant Eligible Schools Cal Grant participating schools
Income and Asset Ceilings Chart to review	Chafee - Foster Youth Webinar Training and Coordinators guide	Disabled Student Programs Disability services and information	Resources Tools and information

2. →

Chafee Foster Youth Program Webinar

Chafee Youth Grant Program Webinar
→ Chafee Foster Youth Grant Program - August 2016
→ Chafee Foster Youth Grant Program Enhancements Update PowerPoint

2016-2017 Academic Year Update

- As noted in [GOM 2015-41](#), for the 2016-17 academic year and going forward institutions will no longer submit Need Analysis Report (NAR) information in WebGrants or by paper.
- Information contained within the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA) and cost of attendance information will replace the NAR process to determine the student's unmet financial need.
- The Commission anticipates running the initial award cycle in July of 2016, which will provide students with a preliminary award.
- The new process eliminates the NAR, and allows institutions to confirm and validate the preliminary Chafee Grant Award, will be available to institutions in August 2016.
- The Commission plans to introduce and provide training on the new process that eliminates the NAR in the months of June, July, and August 2016, through a series of GOMs and webinars.
- The Commission will continue to receive the paper NAR for the 2015-16 academic year until September 30, 2016.

Chafee Foster Youth Program

Please refer to the following guidelines when submitting applications and forms for current or former foster youth who wish to participate in the California Chafee Grant for Foster Youth (Chafee) program.

Chafee Coordinator's Guide

→ [Chafee Coordinator's Guide](#)

Foster Care Eligibility Form

→ [Foster Care Eligibility Form](#)

Student Application

→ [Student Application](#)

Student Update/Change Form

→ [Student Update/Change Form](#)

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Institutional Participation Agreement

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2017-21

- Updates:
 - Requiring proof of an interest bearing account
 - Separately published Cal Grant B Access and Cal Grant C books and supplies policy
- Next Step: 2017-21 IPA approval by the Commission
- Deadline to submit:
 - June 30, 2017

Senate Bill 70

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General Reporting Requirements

California Education Code (CEC) section 69433.2 requires Cal Grant participating institutions to annually report to the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) the following data for their undergraduate programs:

- a) Enrollment, persistence, and graduation data.
- b) The job placement rate and salary/wage information for students in programs that are either designed or advertised to lead to a particular type of job, or advertised or promoted with any claim regarding job placement.



General Reporting Requirements

Reporting Period

- By Academic Year (2015-16 AY)
- Opening Date: XX
- Deadline: December 31, 2016

**Information reported for SB 70 applies to all students, not just Cal Grant recipients.*

Reporting Elements:

**Enrollment
Persistence
Graduation**

**Optional:
Unitary Data**

**Job placement
rate and
salary/wage**



Senate Bill (SB) 70 Information

SB 70 – Institutional Data Reporting Tools

- [SB 70 Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ's\)](#)
- [SB 70 Institutional Data Reporting User Guide](#)
- [SB 70 Institutional Data Reporting Import Specifications](#)

SB 70 – Data Report by Institution

- [Enrollment, Persistence, and Graduation Data](#)
- [Job Placement Fact Sheets and Salary & Wage Information](#)

Communications

- [Special Alert - GSA 2015-56 Senate Bill 70 Data Reporting Requirements](#)
- [View all CSAC List Serv Publications](#)

Training Materials

- [Webinar Sessions](#)
- [Mini Training Modules](#)



On March 24, 2011, Senate Bill (SB) 70 was chaptered into California law amending sections 69432.7, 69432.9, and 69433.6 of the [California Education Code \(CEC\)](#). SB 70 also added section 69433.2 to the CEC. These changes will affect Cal Grant students and institutions beginning with the 2011-12 academic year.

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